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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION ON MEAT TRADE

REF: STATE 208155

1. AGATT RAISED POINTS PARA 3 REFTEL WITH DR. RETA PETTERSSON, SUB-
SECRETARY LIVESTOCK, SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
SEPT 26. RETA STATED GOM OFFENDED BY NEGATIVE AUSTRALIAN
STAND SEPT 6 MEETING MEXICO CITY REGARDING MEXICAN/CENTRAL AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION INTERNATIONAL MEAT MEETING PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIA. HE
SAID GOA REP HAS "CLOSED MIND" REGARDING MEXICO/CA REPRESENTATION
STATING

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FLATLY THAT THESE COUNTRIES NOT INVITED TO ATTEND. SINCE THE NEG-

ATIVE ATTITUDE APPLIED TO BOTH SEPARATE DELEGATIONS AND SINGLE JOINT DELEGATION REPRESENTING ENTIRE MEXICAN/CA REGION HE FEELS THIS LEAVES MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICANS IN AWKWARD POLITICAL POSITION.

2. RETA FULLY APPRECIATES USG POSITION AS OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTEL BUT FEELS THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD FIRST EXTEND INVITATION TO CONCERNED COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPAGE IN OCT 14 MEETING AS SINGLE DELEGATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH COUNTRY UNDER ONE SPOKESMAN. HE STATED THAT IF SUCH A FORMAL INVITATION EXTENDED HE IS SURE MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA WILL BE ABLE REACH ACCORD AMONG THEMSELVES ON MAKEUP OF SINGLE DELEGATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT MESSAGES COULD BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO MINSTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF MEXICO, GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS INVITING THEM ATTEND MEETING AS JOINT DELEGATION UNDER ONE SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP. ONCE THE INVITATIONS ARE RECEIVED INVITEES WILL GET TOGETHER IMMEDIATELY TO IRON OUT ANY DIFFERENCES AND FORMULATE THE DELEGATION. HE INSISTED HOWEVER THAT IF FORMAL INVITATIONS NOT RECEIVED NOTHING FURTHER CAN BE DONE ON THIS END TO FACILITATE THEIR REPRESENTATION AT OCT 14 MEETING DUE TO POLITICAL AWKWARDNESS OF SITUATION.

3. COMMENT: MEXICANS FEEL EMBARRASSED AND SHMEWHAT INSULTED BY WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE OBVIOUS DESIRE ON PART OF AUSTRALIA TO EXCLUDE MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA FROM MEETING. THEY LOST CONSIDERABLE FACE WHEN AUSTRALIAN REP, DR STUART HARRIS, GAVE COLD TURNDOWN TO WHAT MEXICANS CONSIDERED THEIR BEST POLITE REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN INTERNATIONAL MEETING PROPOSED BY AUSTRALIA. MEXICAN FEELINGS ARE HURT AND THEY FEEL THAT AUSTRALIA SHOULD NOW MAKE FRIENDLY GESTURE OF GOOD FAITH BY EXTENDING INVITATIONS PRIOR TO RECEIVING SECOND REQUEST FROM MEXICO AND OTHERS FOR INCLUSION IN MEETING. SUGGEST THAT IF USG PREPARED TO SUPPORT MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR SIMULTANEOUS INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY AUSTRALIA TO MEXICO (CENTRAL AMERICA) PANAMA FOR JOINT REPRESENTATION UNDER ONE SPOKESMAN AS OUTLINED PARA 2, THAT SUCH INVITATIONS BE CAREFULLY WORDED TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING BY RECIPIENTS. OF GREATEST CONCERN WOULD BE POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION THAT INVITATION APPLIED TO EACH COUNTRY SEPARATELY AND POSSIBILITY THAT SEVERAL INDEPENDENT DELEGATIONS WOULD SHOW UP AT MEETING. BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT CAREFULLY WORDED INVITATIONS SPELLING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUT SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REPRESENTATION COULD BREAK THE LOG JAM AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN MEXICO/CA/PANAMA REACHING ACCOURD FOR UNIFIED REPRESENTATION. JOVA

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